



SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the Guidance Office

You are now more than half way through your senior year of high school. It is important that you finish the year off strong, keeping your grades up and staying on top of all college deadlines. Many of you will be receiving your financial aid packages within the next few weeks. It is important that you review these financial aid packages and discuss them with your parents. Those students who have applied for on-campus housing must be sure and submit all necessary information by the deadlines indicated for each campus.



Cal Grant letters should also be coming in the mail within a few weeks. As you receive your notification in the mail be sure to review and submit any necessary changes by the specified deadline. If you should have any questions regarding your Cal Grants and/or your financial aid packages please feel free to stop by and see your counselor in the guidance office.

Students who have signed up for AP tests should pay all AP fees in the bookstore prior to the day of your scheduled exam. If you have any questions see Mr. Tran in the guidance office.



Just a few reminders ...

- * *Letters of Intent* are due by May 1st for many colleges and universities. Make sure that you do not miss this very important deadline.
- * If you need to send over an *official transcript* see Ms. Bhoot in the guidance office
- * *ELM/EPT* : if your college/university is requiring you to take the ELM/EPT be sure to sign up as soon as possible. Many of the colleges/universities are requesting that you take these placement tests before the end of May.
- * *New Student Orientations*: Some of the colleges/universities will be hosting a New Student Orientation for incoming freshman. Check their websites to find out how and when you can begin to sign up. This will be a good time for you to get familiar with the campus and the various programs that will be offered.



SOAR Test ...April 27th

The SOAR Test will be held in the cafeteria on Tuesday, April 27th, starting at 1:00pm. **Only take this test if you are going to Golden West, Orange Coast, or Coastline in the Fall.** Applications will be available from Ms. Fitzrandolph in the Guidance office on Tuesday, April 12 starting at 7:00 am. **Remember to bring your packets completely filled out, a photo ID, and #2 pencils on test day.** There is only room for 100 students, but **don't panic**, we have a list of alternate test sites for you (see top of next page). **See Ms. Fitzrandolph in the guidance office on April 12th for your application!**



Apply for Scholarships

If you want to save time and get quick computerized results, take your SOAR test at one of the following sites:

Orange Coast College: (714) 432-5789

April 12 or 14 at 3:00 pm, or May 17, 19, 23, or 25 at 3:00 pm in Assessment Center **Call For Appointment**

April 30 or May 14 in the Forum at 8:00 am or 12:00 pm **No Appointment Necessary**

June 4, at 8:00 am or 12:00 pm in the Science Hall **No Appointment Necessary**

Golden West College: (714) 895-8388

(All tests at Golden West College are from 3:30 - 6:30 in Business 109)

For Native Speakers: April 21; May 5, 12, or 19; or June 2, or 9 **For ELD students:** May 9

**Must bring Photo I.D (driver's license or school I.D), and two Number 2 Pencils. No I.D., No test
No calculators allowed. Arrive at least 10 minutes ahead of time**

GRANTOR	REQUIREMENTS	DEAD-LINE
Golden West College Leadership Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500.00 • At least a 2.8 GPA • Participate in the Associated Students at GWC in either Student Senate or Student Council for the fall semester. • Must participate in Leadership Connections throughout the semester and/or attend 1 leadership conference for student leaders. • See Ms. Grelle for application or apply on line at: www.goldenwestcollege.edu/asgwc 	April 15 by 1:00 p.m.
California Association of state and Federal Education Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 GPA or higher • Must plan to enroll in a college or university in the fall • A successful experience working with children/young people • 3 letters of recommendation • 300 word essay • Extracurricular activities/leadership within the community or church • Demonstrate financial need • See Ms. Grelle for application 	April 15
Big Bun Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500.00 • Attend a post secondary institute in the fall and plan to be involved in some sport at that institution or in the community • Apply at http://www.bigsunathletics.com 	June 23
Student-View Scholarship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One \$4,000, Two \$1,000, and Eight \$500 scholarships • Must attend a 4-year univ., community college or career school • No minimum SAT/ACT score or GPA • No essay, no lengthy application forms, No application fees • Complete an application survey about colleges in your area. • Scholarship will be awarded via a random drawing • Apply: www.student-view.com 	April 22

Grantor	Requirements	Deadline
WiseChoice “Find the Right College” Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,500 • Register for WiseChoice (it’s free) • Respond (200 words max): “What do you think is important when it comes to finding a college that fits?” • Apply at http://wisechoice.com/scholarship?sid=gcfx 	May 31
The J.E.D. Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplemental financial assistance to students who are planning on attending CSUF, CSULB or UCI • Must live at home with a single parent who is working • Demonstrate economic need, academic potential and a commitment to achievement • See Ms. Grelle for an application 	May 27
Will to Win	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school senior with asthma • \$5,000 • Achieve a level of excellence in one of the following: performing arts, community service, athletics, visual arts or science; and will be attending a • College in fall 2011 • Minimum GPA of 3.5 • Must have received at least one award related to one of the above areas. • See Ms. Grelle for an application 	April 30
Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must attend Sacramento State in the fall • List honors, awards, scholarships • List extracurricular activities and positions held • List community involvement • List work experience • 2 letters of recommendation • See Ms. Grelle for application 	June 1
Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 • Received awards and involved in school or community activities • At least a 3.0 GPA & Financial need • Vocational or college bound students are welcome to apply • If you win you get to ride in the parade on Saturday, May 28th • Strong career & educational goal • See Ms. Grelle for application 	April 30
The College of Idaho Visionary Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10,000 annual renewable • 3.0 cumulative GPA through 7 semesters • Min. 22 ACT composite or 1030 SAT (critical reading, math) • Complete application and be accepted to the College of Idaho and write a 500-word essay that describes how attending the C of I will help achieve your vision • Apply: www.collegeofidaho.edu/admission/visionary/ 	May 10

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Asian Pacific Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000-\$20,000 • 17 programs, 37 scholarships, Many renewable • Must attend a 4-year university in the fall • Most for San Francisco Bay area students • Some for California residents • Most for Asian students, several for students of all backgrounds • Register at: www.fastweb.com, www.scholarships.com, or www.collegetoolkit.com • Once registered with any one of these free sites, you will be told about all of the scholarships for which you qualify 	Go to websites to get deadlines
Women's Division ROP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 students will be awarded cash scholarships! • If you have attended an ROP class and you were an outstanding ROP student, apply!! • 	April 27
All about Education Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond to a 250 word essay "Tell us what you think about the following statement: The key to fixing our nation is all about education..." • Apply at: http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htm 	April 30
Scholarship Points Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. High School Students • Apply at: http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/notes/sp.jsp 	April 30
"I Don't Want to Pay for College" Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. High School Students • Apply at: http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/notes/capd.jsp 	April 30
College Prowler "No Essay" Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. High School Students • Apply at: http://www.scholarshipexperts.clickmeter.com/882040/ 	April 30
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Asian Pacific Community Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 • Based on merit and essay questions • Apply at - http://www.apcf.org/index.php/what-we-do/scholarship-fund 	June 30